

The stock room of the Clipper Plow Co. at Defiance, O., was burned on the 16th. Loss, \$20,000; small insurance.

On the 19th the United States war ship Philadelphia was ordered to proceed to Honolulu to protect American interests in the Hawaiian islands.

It was reported, on the 20th, that M. Bourgeois, who had consented to form the new French cabinet, had secured the promises of several statesmen to enter it.

The house committee on judiciary, on the 15th, by a vote of 7 to 6, decided to present to the house resolutions of impeachment against Judge Ricks, of the northern district of Ohio.

Argument on the constitutionality of the income tax law was concluded on the 16th, before Judge Hagner, of Washington, in equity court No. 2, and the judge said he would render his decision on the 23d.

The duke of Orleans, pretender to the throne of France, left Stowe house, London, on the 16th. It is believed that the royalists of France are preparing to take some decisive action in view of the crisis in France.

A general movement is on foot to have all Central American countries existing extradition treaties with the United States; but nothing till the result of Casson to Washington is known.

Rectors of the Galveston cotton exchange recommend to the planters and the cotton-growing a reduction of 35 per cent. in the price to be paid this year as the way of restoring prices to a commanding basis.

CE MANTLE, of Butte, and T. H. MANTLE, of Helena, were, on the 16th, elected United States senators by the Montana legislature in joint assembly. Both are republicans. Mantle was chosen for the short term and Carter for the long one.

The school board of Ann Arbor, Mich., at a special session, on the 17th, rescinded the rule under which Principal Pettigill had expelled fifteen students of the high school for belonging to secret societies, and the boys were immediately reinstated.

The Fidelity Trust Co. of Louisville, Ky., was, on the 17th, appointed receiver of the W. C. Depauw company, manufacturers of window glass in Alexandria and New Albany, Ind. The plants are valued at \$1,000,000, three times the indebtedness of the company.

MR. FRANCOIS FELIX FAURE was, on the 17th, chosen president of the French republic by the national assembly, convoked in Versailles for that purpose, to succeed President Casimir-Perier, resigned. The proceedings were marked by strong socialist and monarchist demonstrations.

On the 18th the members of the Spanish chamber of deputies from Porto Rico asked that Porto Rico be not included in the modus vivendi between Spain and the United States. This request was made upon the ground that Porto Rico sugar goes to Canada and not the United States.

As a result of the revolt in Hawaii, resolutions casting implied censure upon the government for not keeping war ships at Honolulu for the protection of American interests on the islands were introduced in both houses of congress, on the 19th, and in both bodies precipitated hot debate upon the subject of protection and annexation.

The house appropriations committee, on the 15th, completed the sundry civil appropriations bill for the coming fiscal year. As reported the bill carries an appropriation of \$35,340,721, being \$7,614,793 less than the estimates on which it is based, and \$4,286,245 above the amount carried by the bill for the year 1895.

SECRETARY CARLISLE submitted to the house, on the 16th, a plan of reorganization of the immigration bureau as provided for by an act passed by congress at its last session. Twenty-nine inspectors are provided for at an aggregate salary of \$44,800. For the entire service the appropriation asked is \$324,000.

The terrible explosion at Butte Mont., greatly alarmed the people of Swansea, a suburb of Tacoma, Wash., where the powder magazine of the Judson company of San Francisco is located. The company was notified, on the 15th, that unless the magazine was removed forthwith the people would destroy it.

A JURY in the United States court at Chicago, created on the 16th, by defying command of Judge Seabury to bring in a verdict with the court's aid afterwards, under the influence of the ing one arrived.

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In the senate, on the 16th, Senator Hill's amendment to the urgent deficiency bill, in reference to testing the constitutionality of the income tax, was rejected by an overwhelming majority. The bill was then passed. In the house a number of unimportant bills were passed from the committee on military affairs, were passed and the bill to establish a national park in the Gettysburg battlefield was made the order for the 17th in the morning hour. The Indian appropriation bill was then taken up, and its discussion occupied the remainder of the day's session.

In the senate, on the 17th, two financial bills—one by Mr. Sherman and one by Mr. Pugh—were introduced, read in full and referred. The pension appropriation bill, with an amendment making the minimum disability pension six dollars per month, and carrying an appropriation of \$400,000, was passed. The army appropriation bill was taken up. In the house consideration of the Indian appropriation bill under the five-minute rule occupied most of the session. Several amendments being adopted, among them one to pay the first installment, due March 1, 1895, upon the purchase of the Cherokee outlet. By unanimous consent the bill to establish a national park at Gettysburg, Pa., went over.

In the senate, on the 18th, two hours were spent in secret session considering the question of ratifying the pending Japanese treaty. The army appropriation bill was passed, as was a joint resolution to revive for the benefit of Gen. Schofield the title of lieutenant general of the army. Another financial bill was introduced by Mr. Peffer (Rep.). The Sherman canal bill was taken up, and after discussion an ineffectual effort was made to have a time fixed for taking a final vote on the bill.

In the house the District of Columbia bill was given the right of way, but surrendering the floor before 2 o'clock, and the rest of the day was spent in further consideration of the Indian appropriation bill in committee of the whole. An evening session for the consideration of private pension bills, was held. In the senate, on the 19th, Mr. Frye (Rep.) introduced a resolution expressing "profound indignation at the attempt to restrict the queen of Hawaii, and declaring that the president should at once order American ships of war to the islands. Objection was raised, and the resolution went over. The Hawaiian situation was discussed until the close of the morning hour. The rest of the day was devoted to the delivery of resolutions on the late Senator Van Dusen of North Carolina. In the house the Hawaiian question arose to the consideration of the Hawaiian question, and the Hawaiian question was finally sharply called to order by the speaker. The Indian appropriation bill was taken up, but its consideration was not completed.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
As a sequel to the wrecking of the Capital national bank at Lincoln, Neb., last year, through which more than \$1,000,000 was stolen, and because of which President Moshier was sent to the penitentiary for five years, the federal grand jury, on the 15th, returned an indictment against R. C. Outcalt, a prominent Lincoln citizen, for aiding Moshier's wrecking plan.

As the result of a fire that started in the Royal Milling Co.'s warehouse in Montana Central yards at Butte, Mont., on the 15th, and which spread to cars and other property, three explosions occurred, causing a loss of nearly 100 lives and the injury of probably as many more. Nearly the entire fire department was wiped out. The property loss will exceed \$1,000,000.

SIR FRANCIS FLEMING, governor of Sierra Leone, was, on the 15th, appointed governor of the Leeward islands, vice William Fred Haynes Smith, who was appointed governor of the Bahamas.

It is charged against De Guerville, correspondent of the New York Herald, that he tried to betray Creelman, the New York World correspondent, into the hands of the Japanese and have him killed as a spy.

The registrar of vital statistics reported twelve deaths from la grippe in New York city on the morning of the 15th. The day's record cast a gloom over the health department.

It transpires that Isaac F. Abbott, the defaulting cashier of the Dover (N. H.) national bank, who killed himself, on the 14th, when about to be arrested, in addition to his other crimes looted the treasury of the First-Cent savings bank, stealing in all about \$100,000 and wiping out the capital of both institutions.

Mrs. Meyer, wife of the poisoner, Dr. Henry C. F. Meyer, who is serving a life sentence in Sing Sing, N. Y., for causing the death of Ludwig Brandt, was discharged from custody, on the 16th, by Judge Ingraham in the New York court of oyer and terminer.

On the 15th Emperor William of Germany gave audience to Senator Curbridge, the Prussian minister, who presented the credentials of his office.

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